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REMARKS

The present application was originally filed on February 6, 2002, with 39 Claims. In the present Restriction Requirement, the Examiner has restricted the Claims into the following Groups:

Group I: Claims 1-22, drawn to a method of making a modified target enzyme based upon the sequence of SEQ ID NO:2;

Group II: Claims 23-27 and 33-39, drawn to a modified target enzyme, wherein modifications are performed based upon the sequence of SEQ ID: 2; and

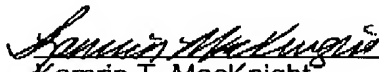
Group III: Claims 28-32, drawn to nucleic acid encoding a modified target enzyme, wherein modifications are performed based upon the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, host cells and methods of making the modified target protein.

Although Applicants believe that there is no need for a Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect the Claims in Group II (i.e., Claims 23-27 and 33-39), with traverse. Applicants have withdrawn the Claims in Group I, and cancelled the Claims in Group III. The Claims in Group I have been withdrawn, in case these Claims are rejoined with the elected group during prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to have these Claims rejoined during the prosecution of the present application. Applicants also reserve the right to pursue any Divisional applications directed toward similar, narrower, and/or broader Claims than those cancelled and/or withdrawn.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Response, s/he is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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